REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to computation of the fee and examination of the application on the merits. Applicant believes the amendment submitted herewith conform the application to U.S. practice and in view of the favorable International Preliminary Search Report it is believed that the amendment to the claims place them in allowable form. Should the examiner have any questions which may be resolved by telephone conference, it is requested that the examiner contact applicant's attorney at 1-800-445-3460. Should this amendment necessitate any additional fees it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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MARKED UP COPY OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A hose device[including] comprising:
a hose portion [(3)];
at least a first end portion [(2)]; [and]
a channel [(5),] which extends along the hose device through the first end portion [(2)] and the hose portion [(3)]; and
a transition portion which is located between the first end portion and the hose portion,
wherein the hose device [(1)] has flexible and elastic properties,
wherein the first end portion [(2)] of the hose device in a mounted state is arranged to be attached to a tubular connection member [(7)] by having the connection member introduced in the channel [(5)], and
[wherein the hose device includes a transition portion (4), which is located between the first end portion and the hose portion, characterised in that]
wherein the channel [(5)] extends through the transition portion [(4)] and in a non-mounted state has a [such] non-circular cross-section shape at the transition portion [(4)] that the channel in the mounted state forms a substantially circular cross-sectional shape.

2. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the connection member [(7)] has an end surface, which is obliquely cut, wherein the hose device [(1)] in the mounted state is arranged to be attached to the connection member [(7),] in such a way that the connection member extends into the transition portion [(4)].

3. (Amended) A device according to [any one of claims 1 and 2, characterised in that] claim 1, including a connection member, wherein the connection member [(7)] has an outer surface, which seen in a cross-sectional view is substantially circular.

4. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the channel [(5)] in the non-mounted state has an egg-like cross-sectional shape.

5. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein said cross-sectional shape of the channel [(5)] forms a first outward portion [(10)] including a radius (r) and a second outwardly extending portion [(11)].

6. (Amended) A device according to [claims 2 and 5, characterised in that] claim 2, wherein the hose device [(1)] is arranged to be located in such a rotary position in relation to the connection member [(7)] that the second portion in the mounted state is directed toward the obliquely cut end surface.

7. (Amended) A device according to [any one of claims 5 and 6, characterised in that] claim 5, wherein said radius (r) is substantially constant.

8. (Amended) A device according to [any one of claims 5 to 7, characterised in that] claim 5, wherein the channel [(5)] has a longitudinal [centre] center axis (x), wherein [the] a distance (a) between the second portion [(11)] and said [centre] center axis (x) is larger than said radius (r) seen in a cross-section through the transition portion [(4)].

9. (Amended) A device according to [any one of claims 5 to 8, characterised in that] claim 8, wherein said distance (a) increases along the transition portion [(4)] in a direction from the first end portion [(2)] to a maximum value, whereafter said distance (a) decreases in a direction towards the hose portion [(3)].

10. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the first end portion [(2)] includes an end surface which has a chamfered portion [(9)].

11. (Amended) A device according to [claims 5 and 10, characterised in that] claim 10, wherein the cross-sectional shape of the channel forms a first portion and a second portion, and wherein the second portion [(11)]of the channel [(5)] and the chamfered portion [(9)] are located substantially straight after each other seen in the extension of the hose device.

12. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the hose device, at least at the transition portion [(4)], has an outer surface, which seen in a cross-sectional view is substantially circular.

13. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the hose device at the transition portion [(4)] has a larger wall thickness than at the first end portion [(2)] and the hose portion [(3)].

14. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised by] claim 1, including a bead [(13),] which extends around the hose device and in the longitudinal direction (x) of the hose device over substantially the whole transition portion [(4)].

15. (Amended) A device according to [claims 5 and 14, characterised in that] claim 5, wherein the cross-sectional shape of the channel forms a first portion and a second portion, and wherein the bead [(13)] has a longer extension in the longitudinal direction (x) of the hose device at the second portion [(11)] than at the first portion [(10)].

16. (Amended) A device according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the hose device at the outer side is provided with grooves [(14)] which extend in the longitudinal direction (x) of the hose device over substantially the whole transition portion [(4)] in such a way that the hose device has a tooth wheel-like shape seen in a cross-section through the transition portion [(4)].